



# The Montgomery County RECYCLETTER

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## *Purchasing Environmentally-preferable Products (and Services)*

If we are already recycling and buying recycled products, what else can we do? We can try to influence community organizations to which we belong or our faith communities, for example, to purchase environmentally-preferable products and services. These products and services are ones that can be recycled or made easier to recycle (the former sometimes involving complete re-processing), remanufactured (in which components are reused, refurbished or re-filled), decreased in toxicity (which can also include avoidance of problem chemicals in processing, as in bleaching), or made or provided in ways that use less material.

A teleconference on this subject was offered at several sites, including the Germantown campus of Montgomery College in November. (A teleconference lets people participate in a seminar without traveling a great distance.) Representatives from the Maryland Environmental Service, McDonald's, Washington State's King County, and an office supplier discussed products they use.

Knowledge of the products, their advantages and disadvantages is important for any "buy environmentally-preferable" program. One basic, but so important piece of advice to buyers, especially for recycled paper, is to ask for it, and to be persistent in what you want. If one is unsure as to how the item will function with one's equipment, test with samples. Use a blind test comparing the product presently used with the proposed substitute to get a fair test. Using the findings, procurement people can then examine their contracts and grants to incorporate recycled and less toxic cleaning supplies, for instance. To take advantage of economies of scale, purchases can be made cooperatively with other tenants in the same building or with organizations buying similar items. Evaluate how the items functioned and analyze costs.

In changing from a white bag to a brown bag containing 65% recycled newsprint, McDonald's Corporation switched vendors after getting resistance from their first sup-

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## *Second Graders Track Trash*

The second graders in Ellen Warren's class at Christ Episcopal School in Rockville learned a lot about themselves, recycling, and the size of our trash problem. They have been measuring how much trash is generated per household, per class, and by the school and report the following findings:

- "Did you know that in one week one family has 6.73 bags of garbage, in one month 29 bags, in six months 175 bags, and in one year 350 bags per family?"

- "In a year, a family has 4,550 gallons of trash! That is too much trash!"

- "I can't believe that 5,950 bags of trash are thrown out by the 17 families in our class in one year!"

- "Our class is responsible for 5,950 bags of garbage each year."

- "Did you know in our school of 180 students plus the teachers, we throw out 70,000 bags of garbage each year?"

Thanks to these students for pointing out how much trash we generate and then working to reduce, reuse, and recycle!

—Jane Meleney Coe


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## *Look "Behind the Scenes"*


If you missed this 6-week program last year, here's another chance. Better yet, recommend the course to a friend, helping us to expand our audience. Join us for a comprehensive inside look at the programs and operations of the Division of Solid Waste Services. "Behind the Scenes" is intended for prospective and current Master Recycler/Composter volunteers, as well as for interested community members. Topics include facility operations and tours, a thorough explanation of blue bin do's and don'ts and special drop-off programs, household hazardous waste, composting, and more. Students are welcome! Classes meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station, beginning February 3, 2000. An optional field trip will go to the Resource Recovery Facility and the Composting Facility, both in Dickerson, MD. Lunch will be in the renovated Gothic Barn, which features composting toilets, a greywater management system, and geothermal heating/cooling. To sign up, call the Recycling Hotline at 301-590-0046.

## News Brief

 Hats off to MR/C Volunteer **Tony Cammarota**, who wrote a feature article about our Montgomery County Recycling Center and its operations that was published in the November/December 1999 issue of *Scrap* magazine. *Scrap* is published by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.

 If you would like to help your business reduce the amount of unwanted mail it receives, you can get help on-line at [www.metrokc.gov/nwpc/bizjunkmail.htm](http://www.metrokc.gov/nwpc/bizjunkmail.htm). Until now, this sort of information was available for households, but not for businesses. This site, a service of the National Waste Prevention Coalition, includes case studies, examples, a model postcard to send to mailers, and tips for keeping your business off unwanted mailing lists in the first place.

 Confused about whether a given holiday will cause a slide in recycling and trash collection service? Bookmark the holiday collection schedule at [www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/holiday.htm](http://www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/holiday.htm). You can also sign up for a new e-mail reminder program to receive messages about the collection schedule in advance of upcoming holidays. To join this program, simply send an e-mail to [recycle@co.mo.md.us](mailto:recycle@co.mo.md.us).

 The *Recycleletter* is now available electronically! Go to <http://www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/volunteer/recycleletter.htm>. If you'd like to switch to the electronic versus the paper version, please let the MR/C Volunteer Program know at 301-840-2852 or [mrc@windsor.com](mailto:mrc@windsor.com).

## Recycle Another Material: Used Postage Stamps!

Please bring or mail your used postage stamps to the Recycling Hotline. All stamps can be recycled, but used U.S. and foreign commemoratives are most valuable, so use them on your correspondence and encourage others to do the same. Please use special care in clipping or tearing stamps from envelopes so they remain undamaged. Include the postmark if possible. Please feel free to invite others to participate! If you have any questions, please call Jane Meleney Coe at 301-590-0046 (generally there Monday and Friday afternoons).

## Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, a part of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services, encourages environmental stewardship through its public outreach on waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Volunteers provide County residents with practical solutions to their waste-related concerns. In educating themselves and others, MR/C volunteers stimulate thoughtful and effective action towards sound environmental practices which protect our shared environment and help the County achieve its goal of 50% recycling by the year 2000.

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## A Note to You



As we enter the new year, the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program looks forward to supporting your work in the community and to being an ever-improving resource for County residents.

The MR/C Volunteer Program will continue to strive to provide you with opportunities to share recycling and solid waste information with fellow residents in a variety of settings and in a variety of ways. I hope that I will be able to count on your participation. At the same time, I realize that as you look forward to your plans for 2000, some of us will part ways and move on to other pursuits. Or, your interests within MR/C activities may change. For this reason, we hope to reinforce our volunteer corps with new recruits this February, as we typically do at that time of year. Both you veterans and “newer additions” will then go forth to spread our recycling message! We are aiming to accomplish the 50% recycling goal by the end of the year.

Our current palette of activities continues to include fairs, festivals, parades and Household Hazardous Waste Days, school presentations and more. For the most up-to-date calendar, check our web site at [www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/volunteer](http://www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/volunteer). (Note that this address has changed slightly, and update your bookmarks as needed.)

Remember, our volunteer training and “continuing education” program starts in February; see Page 1 for more information about our Behind the Scenes course.

Thanks to all of you volunteers who came to our meeting on November 18, 1999. It was especially nice to meet some of you for the first time, and to put faces to the names I’ve been seeing on paper. I appreciated your comments; you, in turn, provided impetus for the MR/C staff to continue discussing many of the topics raised.

We look forward to reaching the 50% goal, and look forward to your help — whether “officially” through MR/C activities or “informally” through chats with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues — in encouraging everyone to recycle their maximum amount. Look at the amounts of trash and recyclables one single family generated in a week on Page 5. Their findings are amazing. Doing this sort of tracking is something you might like to try in your own household. If you do, let me know how it goes!

I look forward to getting any suggestions, questions or concerns you may have during this year. I may be reached directly at 301-840-2858 and [recycle.montgomery@erols.com](mailto:recycle.montgomery@erols.com).

## Garbage Cans of Gold, cont.

The investment opportunity lost due to the use of just one additional garbage can is over \$17,000 (initial purchase and the monthly lease invested at 11% for 30 years). Add that \$17,000 to the wasteful spending that creates the need for the extra garbage

container (or two) in the first place, and the result is a bona fide fortune literally wasted away.

— Ron W. McFarland (Reprinted with permission © Copyright 1996-9, The Motley Fool. All rights reserved.)

## Garbage Cans of Gold

Postulate: The amount of garbage a household produces is directly correlated to the amount of money wasted by that household.

Now, if I remember my geometry right, once a postulate is formulated, one must then present evidence to prove it. My proof is offered in the form of the following observation: In my neighborhood, each homeowner is required to purchase a big, black garbage container in order to use the municipal refuse disposal system. Each week, a large garbage truck rumbles by and, amid the hum of hydraulics, each container is robotically grasped, emptied, and returned to the curb. The cans cost \$70 each and the weekly garbage service costs \$5.40 per month for each container used.

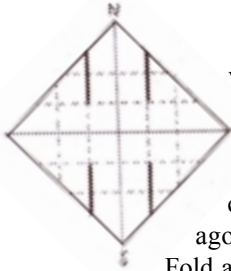
All my neighbors have at least two garbage cans and some have three. Despite the fact that I have the largest family in our cul-de-sac, we seem to get along just fine with a single container. I’ve long been puzzled by this disparity, but last Christmas I finally figured it out. After the normal Christmas morning clean-up, I wheeled my partially filled container to the curb. Later, as I returned to the dumpster to dispose of one last bundle of trash, I discovered it to be completely full. Someone, having exhausted the volume of their own multiple containers, had crammed their excess refuse into mine!

Our household had enjoyed a typically modest, yet fulfilling Christmas celebration. As I looked around at all the over-flowing containers, it was clear that our neighbors had opened considerably more gifts than we had.

The garbage in those overflowing containers was the result of spent money. The sacks and boxes that contained the presents were immediately junked; but inevitably, the actual gifts will be discarded. Like old elephants lumbering off to their final community graveyard, so the shiny, new things we buy today eventually make their way to a garbage heap. The more stuff purchased and brought into the home, the more volume eventually needed to take it away to the dump — resulting in more “little annuities” paid to garbage handlers. (*Continued at left*)

## Folkloric "Toy" Boxes

What to do with those colorful cards that are too pretty to throw away (oops), recycle? Those that feature a simple picture can be cut into squares framing the picture and made into small 1½" boxes. This craft requires careful folding and some cutting, so it's fine for children seven and older. Practice on wrapping paper or a paper bag. Some cards may be too heavy to fold well. Make several boxes of different sizes to nest inside each other, if you like.



1. Cut one square (4" works well) from the front of card and about ¼" smaller square from back of card. Draw the two diagonals to get a center.

Fold all corners to center to get a crease line. Fold all corners to opposite crease line, creating a second, interior set of crease lines. At two opposite corners, cut on first crease from N-S center line up to second (interior) crease.

2. On the two uncut corners, fold corners to center, fold flaps to center, then stand up flap, bringing in sides of flaps to form a frame and bottom. Bring in cut flaps, folding inward to finish box. Do the same with the other square.



To reuse your cards in another way, send them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder City, NV 89005; (800) 492-3562. They are trimmed, made into new cards by children and sold through the Born Again Recycling Program.

If you have any ideas or requests for more information on arts and crafts from trashables, please contact Christine Feintheil at 301-840-2854. We have directions on many crafts that promote reuse and recycling.

## Environmentally Preferable, cont.

plier. Another material switch was to use recycled content in the five-layered paper box that replaced their clam shell packaging. (Corrugation adds more strength than using an equal amount of a flat layer.) McDonald's saw customer and supplier preferences for high brightness paper as a barrier to their buying more environmentally-friendly products. Nevertheless, their napkins are no longer as white, and show the peppery speckles of the fiber's prior use before becoming a napkin. The company's "McRecycle" program educates its own employees on recycling and buying recycled, and has a recognition program for suppliers. Information on packaging informs the customer about recycled content. In addition, if you look carefully, you'll notice that most fast food establishments, including McDonald's, use outdoor containers to deposit their used cooking oil. Recyclers turn

this oil into soap and animal feed.

Institutional carpeting is another recycling and buy recycled success story. The nylon used in this carpeting is very durable. After it is cleaned and has a new design painted on it, it can be reused. In this process, one company's trash becomes another's feedstock, resulting in a recycled-content product.

To recycle a cliché, buying environmentally-preferable products is not and need not be rocket science. Some environmentally-preferable items like recycled lumber may cost more to purchase, but because of their longer life, the total cost over time is lower. As the sidebar shows, there are a number of Internet resources on this topic for both the public and buyers. Buy something for the environment.

—Christine Feintheil,  
MR/C Program Assistant

## Buy Recycled Resources

So, the concept of buying recycled sounds good. But how do you find products made from recycled materials? One of the best ways to start is to benefit from other people's experiences. The Internet contains a wealth of information about where to find recycled-content products and how those products stand up when compared with ones made from virgin materials. What follows are some of the resources mentioned during the U.S. EPA's November 1999 satellite forum entitled "Buying Recycled: The Real Story About Cost, Availability, and Quality."

**[www.epa.gov/wastewise](http://www.epa.gov/wastewise)** - This site describes the EPA's offerings to help businesses and organizations reduce the amount of waste they generate. The site includes a webcast of the November forum; publications providing guidance on waste reduction (including industry sector-specific materials); and, of course, lots of links

**[www.epa.gov/cpg](http://www.epa.gov/cpg)** - "CPG" stands for Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines. The information here could be very useful in building a case for using environmentally preferable products in your own business or organization.

**[brba.nrc-recycle.org](http://brba.nrc-recycle.org)** -- The National Recycling Coalition's Buy Recycled Business Alliance site. Here, the goodies include a list of vendors offering recycled-content products; examples of what companies across the U.S. are doing to buy recycled and reduce waste; and fact sheets on coal fly ash, retread tires, rerefined oil, and insulation.

**[www.metrokc.gov/procure/green](http://www.metrokc.gov/procure/green)** - Visit this site to get the details on King County's experiences with environmentally preferable policies, purchases, and practices.

**[www.recycledproducts.org](http://www.recycledproducts.org)** - This is the web site of the Recycled Products Purchasing Cooperative. Its buying power enables it to obtain paper at a much better price than member organizations would be able to get on their own.

**[www.ciwm.ca.gov/rcp](http://www.ciwm.ca.gov/rcp)** - Use the Recycled-Content Product Database to set your specifications and identify vendors whose products meet your needs.

**[www.menv.com](http://www.menv.com)** - In addition to providing the requisite page of links to other sites, the Maryland Environmental Service site provides further information about its Buy Recycled seminars for organizations.

--Susanne Brunhart Wiggins, Division of Solid Waste Services



## Phone Book Recycling Update

To supplement the drop-off program for telephone book recycling, six additional sites were offered. A truck was sent out, we hung out our proverbial shingle, and then we waited for the books to arrive. And arrive they did! A grand total of 11,440 pounds, or 5.72 tons, were received. Assuming a weight of 3 pounds per book, that amounts to 3,800 phone books, a formidable pile. We thank **St. John's Lutheran Church** and the **Church of Christ at Manor Woods**, both in the Aspen Hill area, for allowing us to use their parking lots for collections.

A record amount of books was received by **Girl Scout Troop #2890** at the Montgomery Village Middle School: 2.54 tons! Advance advertisement in the *Gazette* and *Village News* newspapers helped with the publicity, keeping the Cadette Scouts busy throughout all 6 hours of their collection. Since the layout of the school lent itself well to this, the girls operated their site as a drive-through. Site participants simply handed their phone books out their car windows and then drove on.

While most of the books received were local, one book was a 1981 phone directory from Wilmington, Delaware. Since this book was published "before their time," the girls found it entertaining to look through the restaurant listings, especially since some of the chains listed then no longer exist.

Other volunteer-run sites included the Edgemoor Citizens Association in Bethesda, which had a phone book collection in October, planned in conjunction with Community Service Day. Thanks to President **Alysa Emden** for assisting with the arrangements. **Jane Coe** again operated her collection site at her local elementary school, Burning Tree, during November, making daily trips to gather books that had been dropped off. **Christine Feintheil** collected books at the River Road Unitarian Church.

—Susanne Brunhart Wiggins, Division of Solid Waste Services

## Public School Recycling Update

Assisting and supporting the Montgomery County Public School System in restarting and reinvigorating its recycling program is a top priority for the Division of Solid Waste Services and its Nonresidential Recycling Section. Recently this section added three staff members, greatly increasing available resources, both for school recycling and for assisting businesses with recycling.

In effort to ensure that all schools would be ready for the new startup date of November 1, 1999, Solid Waste Services staff gathered information and assembled, packed, and distributed recycling starter kits to all County public schools. These kits included a letter from the Division requesting additional information on the status of each school's program.

Through an inquiry, we determined that most schools lacked sufficient recycling containers and materials to adequately meet their recycling needs. The Division handled this immediate problem by providing each school with 25 small cardboard boxes to be use as temporary containers for their mixed paper collection, stickers for the containers, and

motivational posters. In addition, the Division is contacting each school to schedule a visit with a County Program Specialist to help it set up an efficient and effective program. The goal to visit one school each day is currently being well exceeded. The Division is looking forward to supporting the public schools in having the best recycling program and being examples for others.

—Eleanor Walker and Rachel Marks,  
Division of Solid Waste Services,  
Nonresidential Recycling Section

## Recycling Snow

If Nature sends us a good sweep of snow this winter, we can make best use of it by shoveling whenever possible into gardens and lawns to replenish groundwater and to protect shallow roots from drying winds, all the while decreasing the amount of water in the streets that must drain away.

—Christine Feintheil

## 50% Recycling

A key to reaching 50-percent recycling is to know how much trash you generate and then how much of it is getting recycled. That may be easier said than done. One of our Master Recyclers was surprised at her family's enthusiastic response when she wondered how close they were to 50 percent. The household of three adults decided to find out what the status was. They weighed everything going out of their household for a week, which amounted to six different measurements, as follows:

Yard trim:	1 lb.
(estimated at 50 barrels per year)	
Food scraps (to compost pile):	12 lbs.
Mixed paper	
(recycled at work, not curbside):	12 lbs.
Commingled recyclables:	3 lbs.
Newspapers:	18 lbs.
Trash:	9 lbs.
Total:	55 lbs.
Recycled:	46 lbs.
Percent recycled:	83.6

Responses from the family:

"I thought we were closer to 90 percent."

"That's great! I knew we did a lot but had no idea it was that much."

"How can we get to 90 percent?"

"Maybe this was an unusual week; we ought to do it over again."

"How many pounds per person is that? The County says 3.8 lbs. per person per day. This is about 2.6 lbs. per day!"

"What a lot of newspapers! And if the County is aiming for 15 lbs. of paper weekly from each household, we have 30 lbs per week!"

"This sure is worth doing! You learn a lot! And it was fun!"



## Garbage Gardening

If an occasional plant has sprouted in the compost pile or if you have wondered if the seed in your grapefruit would grow into a plant, you have discovered "garbage gardening," more euphemistically known as "after-dinner gardening." "The seeds of lemons, most oranges, and grapefruits will sprout in good soil if planted directly. A pineapple top with its leaves intact makes a lovely houseplant. These plants are tropical so bring them indoors in the late fall. If started now, they'll make an attractive plant by Earth Day or Mother's Day. You'll now look at a seed in a different way—as an embryo to the plant!"

--Christine Feintheil



## Silver Spring Holiday Parade

For the second year in a row, the Division of Solid Waste Services has been represented in the Silver Spring Holiday Parade. Decorated by the ace team of **Gail and Seth Shultie**, and **Dana, Ashley, and Kevin Hunter**, the tree and the vehicles used in the Parade displayed their holiday best. This year, the tree decorations were cat food can lids, embellished by **Carol Uhlendorf** and **Mickey O'Bradovich**, and paper chains.

Digger (aka Seth) starred in the Parade, as did our Recyclemobile and a recycling truck furnished by Unity Disposal and Recycling.

## Thank You, Volunteers

The MR/C Volunteer Program appreciates the many hours of help it received. November and December activities included these activities:

The Montgomery County Holiday Parade in Silver Spring was quite successful with **Seth Shultie** who came as Digger the Worm. **Gail Shultie**, and **Dana, Ashley and Kevin Hunter**. **Mickey O'Bradovich** and **Carol Uhlendorf** who made the decorations for the tree. Thanks to our Drivers and Coordinators **Susanne Brunhart Wiggins**, **Dickie Buss**, **Andy Jakab**, **Dan McHugh** and **Joe O'Donnell** from the Division of Solid Waste Services.

Our Recycling Center Open House, held on November 14, 1999, for America Recycles Day (celebrated on Nov. 15), attracted 800 visitors, who were assisted by nine helpers from the Montgomery County Volunteer and Community Service **Center's Weekend/Evening Volunteer Program**. **Girl Scouts**, **Steven Baughman** (who was Digger), **Keith Morrison**, **Esther Foxe**, **Pat Purcell**, **Tony Cammarota**, **Chuck Beranek**, **Jon Yeo**, and **Naim Rashid**. Thanks again for making this day a success.

Volunteers helped make this year's supplementary telephone book recycling drop-offs more successful than ever before: **Peggy Brennan and family**, **Bernadine Dadey**, **Girl Scout Troop #2890**, as well as **Jane Coe** and **Christine Feintheil**.

Calls to the Recycling Hotline were taken by **Richard Ablard**, **Chuck Beranek**, **Tony Cammarota**, **Dick Carr**, **Urte McNellis**, **Dick Meyer**, **Jane Oosterhuis**, **Roland Radloff**, and **Jim Welch**.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections were supported by **Georgene Ammon**, **Phil Browne**, **Nancy Burkhart**, **Bob Mabie**, **Keith Morrison**, and **Kevin White**. In addition, the November 7 collection was adopted by Roy W. Weston, Inc., an environmental consulting firm. The Weston employees volunteered their time as part of the company's commitment to the annual Community Service Day. Thanks to **Melissa Parnell** for organizing and leading the Weston group!

School presentations focused on composting. **Georgene Ammon** spoke to students at Broad Acres Elementary School, as well as to Rockwell Elementary School, about worms and worm composting. **Linc Hallen** addressed Horticulture classes at the Rockville High School, telling them about his experiences with composting and grasscycling in his own yard.

**Diane Reinke**, our editor, helped us keep our "p's" and "q's" straight. As usual, she did her work as a "virtual volunteer," sending files back and forth via e-mail — no paper was wasted in the process!



# Recycling References

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood 301-840-2370  
(Route 355 & Shady Grove Rd.)

### PUBLIC UNLOADING FACILITY

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;  
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Truck Hours, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance if you are dropping off materials in a truck.)

*Accepts mixed glass bottles and jars, cans, and all plastic bottles with necks, newspapers, antifreeze, waste oil, auto batteries, tires, magazines, catalogs and yard trim.*

### DON'T DUMP, DONATE!

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance.)

*Accepts unused or used building materials in usable condition, such as: lumber, cinderblocks, wood, lights, flooring, plumbing fixtures, cabinets, toilets, tubs, doors - everything, including the kitchen sink.*

### CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility

*Accepts clothes, drapes, shoes, towels, sheets, belts, handbags, and material larger than 15" x 15" in area. Clothing & textiles must be clean, dry and in plastic bags.*

### MATRESSCYCLE

At Public Unloading Facility

*Accepts mattresses and box springs.*

The Salvation Army also recycles mattresses at the following locations every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LITTLE FALLS MALL, Sangamore Rd. and Sentinel Dr., Bethesda

GERMANTOWN COMMONS PLAZA, Middlebrook Rd. off of

Route 118, Germantown

CABIN JOHN MALL, Tuckerman Ln. and Seven Locks Rd., Bethesda

### LARGE APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance);  
Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route 355); Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route 355)

*Accepts refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, window air conditioning units and dehumidifiers.*

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

All sites operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5 Shady Grove Transfer Station.

Sunday, April 2 Shady Grove Transfer Station

Sunday, May 7 Shady Grove Transfer Station.

Sunday, June 4 Shady Grove Transfer Station

Assistional locations will be announced in February, or check [www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/wastereduction/hhw.htm](http://www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/wastereduction/hhw.htm)

*Accepts insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents, pool chemicals, fuels, oil, photographic chemicals, oil-based paints, button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs (limit of 12 bulbs).*

### FURNITURE

The Housing Opportunities Commission will pick up any reusable furniture item in good condition, such as tables, chairs, sofas, beds, mattresses, and box springs. To arrange for pick up, please call 301-495-0983.

## SPECIAL DROP-OFFS

### ROCKVILLE AREA

Montgomery Scrap Corporation 301-424-3000  
15000 Southlawn Lane

*Buys back aluminum cans scrap metal, other metals, and accepts appliances.*

Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville 301-762-6990

14818 Southlawn Lane

Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Buys back white office paper and computer paper in 100 lb. loads (no news-paper) and accepts corrugated cardboard.*

### SILVER SPRING AREA

Southeast Recycling Corp. 301-589-4002  
9001 Brookville Road

*Accepts newspapers, magazines and catalogs, telephone books, corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes.*

Yeshiva of Greater Washington 301-649-7053

1216 Arcola Ave.

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Accepts aluminum cans.*

Takoma Park-Silver Spring Food Co-op 301-891-2667

201 Ethan Allen Avenue

*Accepts aseptic packaging, all types of plastic containers, and mixed paper.*

### GAITHERSBURG AREA

The City of Gaithersburg provides mixed paper and corrugated cardboard recycling for its residents. Call the Public Works Department at 301-258-6370 for more information.

Office Paper Systems 301-948-6301

7650 Airpark Road

Drop-off bin available 24 hours.

*Accepts all types of paper.*

### WHITE OAK AREA

White Oak Boy Scout Troop 1086 301-622-1273

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Avenue

Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Accepts newspaper.*

### COLLEGE PARK AREA

University of Maryland Recycling Center 301-314-8345

Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive (near the intersection of Metzert Rd.

and University Blvd.)

*Accepts white, colored, office and computer paper, corrugated and glossy cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper, clothing, telephone books, scrap metal, and textbooks.*

### DAMASCUS AREA

St. Paul's Catholic Church 301-253-2027

9240 Damascus Road, Open 24 hours

*Accepts newspaper in bin behind church.*

### POOLESVILLE AREA

Highway Services Depot, Jerusalem Road 240-777-7623

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Accepts used motor oil and antifreeze (up to 5 gallons of each).*

**Master Recycler/Computer Volunteer Program**  
**16101 Frederick Road**  
**Derwood, Maryland 20855**

**MONTGOMERY**  
**COUNTY**  
**RECYCLES**



Return Service Requested

Bulk rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Rockville, MD
Permit No. 138

## ***Calendar of Events***

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program Office at 301-840-2852 or [mrc@windsor.com](mailto:mrc@windsor.com). Visit [www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/volunteer](http://www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/volunteer) for the most current calendar. Note that this URL is slightly changed (we're trying to make our URLs simpler!)

### **BEHIND THE SCENES WITH SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

**begins Thursday, February 3, 2000.** See details on Page 1! Whether you are a new volunteer or a veteran, this course has information of interest to you. Attend to refresh your own knowledge, or recommend the course to a friend. See details on Page 1.

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS**

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Two shifts: 9:30 a.m. to Noon, and 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Each site operates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See dates on Page 7.

*Collection volunteers direct traffic and ask a short survey. This is a wonderful group activity. Please help us spread the word, and consider signing up yourself!*